

## Archer Welcomes Class of 2023 Summer Associates

## **Press Releases**

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Archer is pleased to welcome seven law students as summer associates in the firm's Voorhees and Hackensack offices. The eight-week program runs from June 5 – July 28. This year's exceptionally diverse class of summer associates showcases incredible talent and drive. With students from a variety of backgrounds from three area law schools, over half of those participating in the summer program identify as a racial or ethnic minority. Shelley Smith, Archer's Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, said of the program, "We are proud that our summer associate program draws the highest caliber students from law schools across the region. We are especially proud that our summer associates, who represent the rich diversity of our regional community, will contribute to the increasing diversity of the legal community."

The goal of Archer's program is to provide summer associates with an opportunity to gain real-world experience working with the firm's attorneys, staff and clients. Summer associates will work on various matters throughout all of Archer's Practice Groups. The program focuses on exposing summer associates to meaningful work assignments, which allow for collaboration with attorneys at different experience levels. Class members will attend client conferences, court hearings, depositions and more. The program includes a "Speaker Series" in which firm attorneys and clients host discussions of hot topics, recent cases and important developments in the profession. Summer associates will also have the opportunity to participate in the firm's Associate and DEI-focused training programs.

Sarah Gribbin, Chair of the firm's Hiring Committee, said, "We are looking forward to welcoming the summer associates into our offices and providing them with the opportunity to work closely with attorneys in all areas of practice. We want the summer associates to experience life as an attorney at Archer and to experience the collegiality of Archer's culture."

The program will continue to offer both in-person and remote working opportunities. The program likewise will offer both in-person and remote options for training, mentoring and social events. There will be a "team mentoring" approach, with each summer associate assigned to a team of at least one other summer associate and four attorney mentors.

We welcome our 2023 summer associates. Click here to learn more about them.

- Patrick Afriyie Temple University Beasley School of Law
- Loris Dennis Rutgers Law School
- Najma Hassan Seton Hall University School of Law
- Colin McHugh Rutgers Law School
- India Patel Rutgers Law School
- Maura Quinn Seton Hall University School of Law
- Jiyoung Won Seton Hall University School of Law

## **About Archer**

Archer is a full-service law firm serving Fortune 100 clients, small to medium-sized businesses and individuals. The firm provides litigation and transactional services in a variety of areas, including business counseling, labor & employment, real estate, health care, intellectual property, family and matrimonial, personal injury, public finance, tax, trusts and estates, bankruptcy, land use and environmental law. With 180 attorneys, Archer has nine offices, including Voorhees, Hackensack, Princeton and Red Bank, NJ; Philadelphia and Harrisburg, PA; Wilmington, DE; New York, NY; and Houston, TX.

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